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Applicant : Steven M. Reppert et al. Art Unit : 1646
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Examiner's action mailed October 27, 1999, Applicants elect the invention of Group II (claims 33-35) drawn to methods of testing a candidate compound for its ability to act as an agonist or antagonist of a melatonin receptor ligand. The election is made without traverse.

Filed herewith is a Petition for Automatic Extension with the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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